



## RAISING CHILDREN TO KEEP THEM IN THE FAMILY OF FAITH

God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments during worship at church, and then the family's devotional life at home keeps its members connected to those gifts all week long. This routine creates a lifelong rhythm that helps keep kids in the faith throughout all stages of their lives.

**82%** of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs and were active in their congregations were themselves religiously active as young adults, according to data from the latest wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion.

*"Parents No. 1 influence helping teens remain religiously active as young adults" (Association of Religion Data Archives, 2014)*



### READ THE BIBLE

Take turns reading Bible passages out loud. Use the "Daily Lectionary" (LSB, Pages 299-304) for suggested Bible readings for each day.



### PRAY TOGETHER

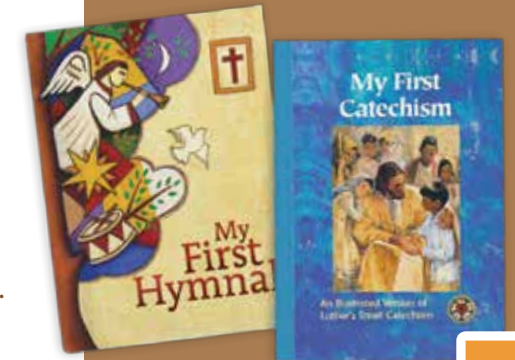
Pray before meals and at bedtime.

Teach your child that the liturgy and hymns are part of their prayer life. God first speaks to us through His Word, and then we speak back with praise.



## THE ESSENTIAL LUTHERAN LIBRARY FOR THE FAMILY

- *The Story Bible*
- *Faith Alive Student Bible*
- *The Lutheran Study Bible*
- *My First Catechism*
- *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*
- *My First Hymnal*
- *Lutheran Service Book*



All of these resources are available at [cph.org](http://cph.org)



### HOLD FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Use a simple order of worship to guide your family devotions. See Pages 294-298 in the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* for brief services for different times of the day.

Repeat the hymns from Sunday throughout the week to make a connection between your daily prayer life and the Sunday Divine Service.

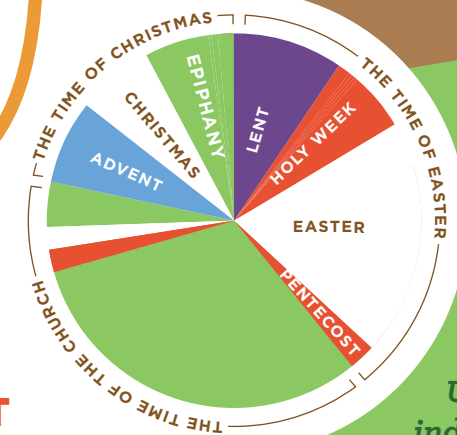
# THE Family Altar

*"Parents who provide a home where faith is vibrantly practiced — even imperfectly — are remarkably likely to create young adults who remain serious Christians, even as they sometimes go through bumpy spots in the road."*  
 Finding from Focus on the Family's "Millennial Faith Participation and Retention" study (2013)



### TALK ABOUT LIVING IN FAITH

Use spare moments throughout the day — while in the car, while waiting in line and so on — to discuss faith issues. As children are able, start applying the Small Catechism to real-world events and conversations.



## TIPS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Set aside a specific time each day

Use a ribbon to indicate the color of the Church Year

Consider lighting a candle

Sing a hymn together

